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DEQ RECEIVES DOW SAMPLING INFORMATION

In recent weeks, The Dow Chemical Company, in cooperation with DEQ, installed a series of temporary groundwater wells just south of the main Dow plant. DEQ and Dow both collected independent and separate water samples from each well location. DEQ also collected additional groundwater samples from numerous private wells in the area.

DEQ has been provided copies of the test results for the samples collected by Dow from the temporary wells. DEQ is currently awaiting receipt, from its independent lab, validated data for both the samples it collected from the temporary and the private wells. Once DEQ receives the lab results, this information will be summarized and all information will be made available to interested parties. The Agency will utilize this information to attempt to identify the source and extent of the groundwater contamination in the area as well as focus any future sampling efforts. It is anticipated that the DEQ results should be available for release in the very near future.

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